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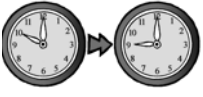
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| Date | Time | Service | Venue |
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| Thursday 3rd | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| Sunday 6th | 10.30am | Parish Communion | St James Church |
| | 6pm | Reflective Worship | St James Church |
| Thursday 10th | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| Sunday 13th | 8am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| | 9am | Holy Communion | St John's Church |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship | St James Church |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Christ the King Church |
| Thursday 17th | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| Saturday 19th | 10am | Messy Church | St James Church |
| Sunday 20th <i>St Luke</i> | 9am | Morning Worship | St John's Church |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship | Christ the King Church |
| Thursday 24th | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| Sunday 27th  | 8am | Holy Communion | St James Church |
| | 9am | Holy Communion | St John's Church |
| | 10.30am | Worship 4 Everyone | St James Church |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Christ the King Church |
| Thursday 31st | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St James Church |

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A MAMMOTH TASK!



A mammoth task is ahead of us - attaching over 5000 poppies to netting to form our Poppy Wall which will be hung from the tower at St James Church. A smaller installation is also to be made for St John's Church.

So many of you have knitted poppies, our own congregations, friends and relatives, the Knit and Natter group that meet at Blossomfield Tennis Club and the Craft Group that meet at Shirley Institute.

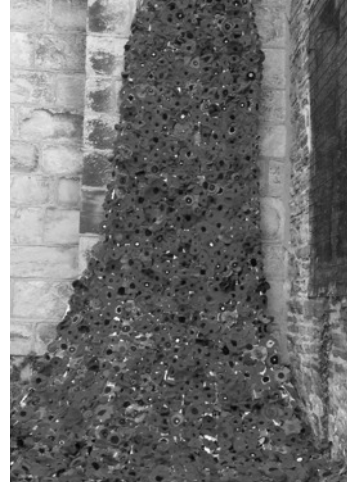
Poppies have arrived from as far afield as Cornwall and Shetland.

The enthusiasm to knit poppies now needs to be matched with enthusiasm to 'make the wall.'

A work station is to be set up in Church House and a timetable has been produced for working parties. The timetable is available in all our churches and for the wider community.

Please find time to help and sign up for as many hours as you can.

Linda Pitt



SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Birdcage by Eve Chase

This book came recommended as it had been on the Sunday Times bestseller list, sadly though, for us, it did not live up to its reviews.

We all read the book but felt very disappointed and let down. The secret that the sisters were keeping was not revealed until very late in the story, which everyone felt was frustrating.

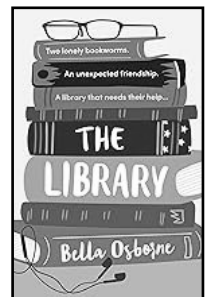
One or two of our group didn't like the book at all.

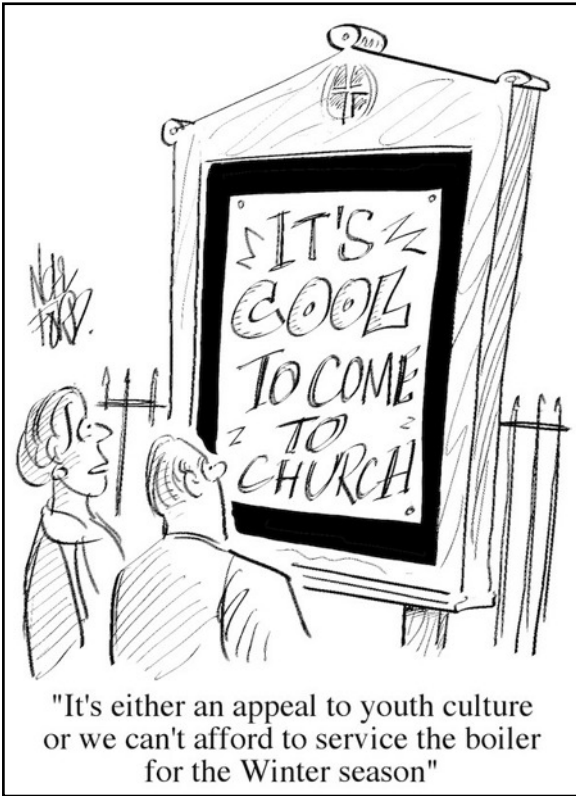
Everyone was glad when the book was finished, however don't let this stop anyone else from giving it a go! It's about family, sisters and Cornwall!

We always discuss other books we have read at our meetings and authors David Baldacci, Kate Moss and John Boyne were praised.

Our next book is *The Library by Bella Osborne* and we'll be meeting to discuss this on **Monday 30th September**.

Belinda Piasecki





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COFFEE MORNING

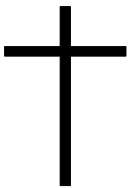
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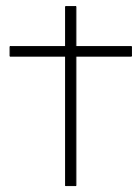
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HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

The Breakfast Bags which supplemented the Family Food Parcels by replacing the children's missing school Breakfast Clubs during the summer school holidays were very successful. Thank you for your donations of milk, juice, cereal and jams. I know that it was a drop in the ocean of their needs but nevertheless it helped considerably and was much appreciated. We also tried to give the attending children some toys or colouring books (with the necessary pencils and felt tips) to help pass the days; these families don't have the cash for outings though St John's Church, Sparkhill did take a party of them to the Think Tank using some free passes we acquired; they loved it, and the packed lunches they were all given.

Thank you for the empty glass jars with lids: we have been decanting sugar and coffee into them. Supplies are too limited to give everyone complete bags of them but the partly filled jars are gratefully received. We also put some washing powder into empty margarine tubs; I would like some of those empty ones too please. Yes, I know that I have stopped scrounging but ...

GrowBaby is about to reopen as I write this. They will see clients by appointment only helping with clothing from maternity to five years old. They have stopped collecting toys and books but kindly gave me their old stock which I have been issuing to the children at St John's Food Bank. And squirreling a few of each away for the Christmas Gift Table which we bring out on the three Wednesdays before Christmas so that each child will at least have one present for Christmas.

ADAVU: Liisa and her team continue to help ladies (and occasionally a gentleman) rescued from slavery and trafficking in the UK. This parish helps by supplying toiletry bags; they contain only the basic items (soap, shower gel, shampoo, flannel, toothbrush and paste, deodorant) which help to give them some dignity. Thank you for contributing those items too.

So much need. And your sympathetic help has been invaluable over the years, well done.

Elizabeth Paice



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DEFIBRILLATORS

I thought this was worth a mention and something we might all think about.

I was sitting on the wall outside St James Church waiting for someone when a gentleman with his two children aged about ten and eight stopped in front of the defibrillator on the wall of Church House. I listened as he explained to them what to do in an emergency if they were asked to fetch it or should have to use it. He answered all the questions the children asked, and I was surprised at the questions the children did ask.

Yes, maybe children should be made aware of how to and what to do should they ever be out with someone taken ill in this way. We often hear of children calling for an ambulance when parents have had an epileptic attack or diabetic collapse.

I will be talking to my grandchildren about it now and explaining what to do, at least even explaining where and how to find the ones dotted around Shirley.

I don't know if they are teaching them in schools, so just thought this is worth a mention in our magazine as it might potentially save a life.

Denise Smith



Mothers' UNION

Linda Pitt welcomed all to our September meeting and commenced with prayers. Notices were given at the end of the meeting. Linda introduced our speakers Lorraine and Paul Hoskins who gave us a talk with a power point presentation on the RNLI.



The RNLI celebrated its bicentenary this year following Sir William Hillary's vision for a service dedicated to saving lives at sea became a reality in Bishopsgate's trendy City of London Tavern on 4th March 1824. Sir William lived on the Isle of Man and witnessed the treacherous nature of the sea first-hand, with dozens of shipwrecks around the Manx coast. At first, he published a pamphlet detailing his plans for a lifeboat service manned by trained crews for all the UK and Ireland. He sent the pamphlet to the British Navy, ministers, and prominent citizens, appealing for the formation of a National Institution for the Preservation of Lives and Property from Shipwreck.

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MOTHERS' UNION REPORT *continued*

Sadly, nobody wished to listen, and the Admiralty even refused to help. Sir William did not give up and rebranded his appeal for the more philanthropic members of London society. This time he was successful. King George IV granted the Royal prefix to the Institution's name, making it the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck. The Institution's name was changed in 1854 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution – the RNLI – as we know it today.

Different classes of lifeboat are needed for various locations, depending on geographical features, the kind of rescue work that the station is asked to do, and the cover provided by neighbouring stations. RNLI lifeboats are divided into two categories: all-weather and inshore. There are 350 lifeboats based at stations around the UK and Ireland and the busiest is Tower on the River Thames. On an average there are twenty-seven call outs a day somewhere around our coastline, all responded to from volunteer lifesavers. The RNLI Headquarters is in Poole overlooking Poole Harbour, it is open to the public to visit. It is also the home of training for lifeboat crew members and lifeguards from around the UK and Ireland, who visit for training courses and to make use of their training facilities – including a lifeboat bridge simulator and sea survival pool.



King Charles III continues the tradition of patronage for the charity by the reigning monarch.

Linda thanked Lorraine and Paul for a thought-provoking insight into the brave volunteers of the RNLI who have been saving lives at sea since 1824 and this was echoed by all present.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday 2nd October** – 2pm in Church House - will be Mary Bodfish with a talk entitled 'Lest We Forget'. Visitors are most welcome to join us.

Susan Knight

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STONED LOVE?

Years ago, at Christ the King Church, we had a visit from Liz Howlett and the subject she preached on was prayer. Liz had bought a basket of small garden stones along and invited us all to choose a stone and she used these to pray our intercessions.

We were told we could take them home with us and use them to help us to pray throughout the next week.

I chose a whiteish pebble which had a yellowish amber kind of vein running through it.

This has become part of my prayer life since then.

I hold this stone every morning whilst I am saying my own personal prayers, it helps me to concentrate on God, also my thoughts when I find it hard to find the words, and over the years it has moulded into shape to fit perfectly in the palm of my hand and is so smooth now from all the times I have turned it over whilst saying my prayers. I can almost feel the Holy Spirit's energy in this little stone.

Over the years I have also collected a few others and my use of them is for the different stages which I find I need in my prayer life.

Let me explain.

I have a very dark one, rough around the edges - I use this one when I feel angry with someone or about something. This stone somehow takes on my anger and I feel calm again.

A coloured stone of charcoal greys and white - this is my healing stone. I use this when I pray for healing for someone, the dark charcoal is the illness, but as I turn it round in my hand the white appears, just like the light shining in the darkness bringing wholeness and healing. I also use it when I hear of some disaster or other tragedy.

I have even got a fossil stone - this one I sometimes hold but mainly I put this one down and look at it. This reminds me of transformation of our earthly body into a new life in heaven, I tend to use this when I pray for someone who has recently died or when I remember the anniversary of someone I loved and see no more. It's beautiful but fragile just like our emotions are at these times of our lives.

So as these simple garden stones help me in my prayer life, I thought I would tell you all about them, maybe to encourage you to find your own stone or stones, find how each one can bring a scene to your mind's eye and help you bring your prayers to God.



Maybe stones aren't for you but look around you and you will find something that can help you express your thoughts, emotions and concentrate your mind on the words of the prayer you want to say.

My prayer stones are now part of my life, what will you use?

Denise Smith (Reader)



COFFEE MORNING

at St John's Church - Monday 14th October

10.30am until 12 noon - *All will be welcome!*

CELEBRATING ST LUKE

We probably all know that St Luke wrote the third Gospel, and also the Acts of the Apostles. He wanted to "to write an orderly account" (as he says in the introduction to the gospel) to tell the story of Jesus and the early church. Luke was one of those who accompanied St Paul on his journeys around the Middle East, so some of what he writes in Acts is from personal memory.

What you might not be aware of is that Luke was a doctor. In his letter to the church in Colossae Paul describes him as "Luke, the beloved physician".

Because of this, the church has long associated St Luke with the ministry of healing. This year on **Sunday 20th October** (the nearest Sunday to St Luke's Day) the Eucharist service at St James Church will have a focus on healing – and there will be an opportunity to receive prayer and be anointed with oil should you wish.

You may also like to know that on a regular basis we set aside the midweek Eucharist on the final Thursday of each month as a healing service.

For more information on the healing ministry please have a word with me or Reverend Theresa Jones.



Reverend Paul Day

COMMUNION SERVICE on WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

I am writing on behalf of the congregation who attended the Communion Service at St James Church on Wednesday 11th September to once again thank everyone involved in the production of such a wonderful service. This includes our kind and friendly ministers and the lovely helpers who acted as chauffeurs and provided the refreshments that followed (bang goes the diet!).

It is said "where two or more persons meet, there is a church" but one thing we do not have when we take Holy Communion at home is hymn singing (I wonder what the neighbours would say if we did? Hopefully join in with us).

Being able to sing was great and the last hymn at the service "All things bright and beautiful" was lovely; I was tempted to get up and dance! Rich, who kindly acted as chauffeur for me, gave me a treat on the way home because he was able to play a recording of it in the car and it was one of the nicest versions I have heard.



Before we all went home, Richard asked us if we would like a repeat service before Christmas. I reacted with an immediate "yes" and I think most people are enthusiastic too. The service would be extra special so close to Christmas and I hope those of you who normally attend church will try to keep this date free and come and join us. We would love to see you and I promise you will enjoy it. We can't provide a nativity scene but if anyone wants to build one you may be able to borrow my adopted donkey Jasper to go in it.

Mary Hayes

THE STORY BEHIND ... COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

This well-loved Harvest hymn was written by the Reverend Henry Alford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over eighteen years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like fifty books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly twenty years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Matthew 13: 24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4: 26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together *only His own* for the eternal heavenly harvest.

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!*

*We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be....*

By H Alford (1810 – 71)




Some of you may be aware of the death on 12th August of Timothy Dudley-Smith at the age of 97. You may recognise the name as appearing at the bottom of many wonderful hymns, including such treasures as 'Lord for the Years' and 'Tell Out, My Soul'. He left us better than he found us! What would church be like without the many Christians such as him who, inspired, have set pen to paper.

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Hope to see you there!



SIGNS OF HOPE

Maybe like me you have come close to the point of despair about the situation in Israel/Palestine. Will the cycle of violence and death ever come to an end? How *can* it come to an end with such a long history of fear and injustice and pain?

We believe that God is the God of reconciliation and new beginnings. But how might this work out in practice, when the divide is so deep?

A short while ago I had the opportunity to listen to two remarkable young women who work with an organisation called Musalaha, which is committed to using Christian principles to build trust and – yes - reconciliation on the ground in some of the most troubled parts of the Holy Land.

One of the women is a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem. The other is an Israeli who participated in her compulsory two years of military service. As they told their stories, one sounded quite privileged, the other had already faced many difficulties in life. The Palestinian woman is not allowed to visit the HQ of Musalaha in Jerusalem because she does not have the necessary permissions. The Israeli woman told of how, when she undertook a course to learn Arabic, she was astonished to hear that her teacher had to get up at 4am to allow time to get through the checkpoints to be able to reach the school. Both spoke of how they are still on a journey of understanding and allowing for the differences between them. Both spoke of how their own communities did not always appreciate what they are doing. Yet both were resilient and committed to the programme they help to lead.

Each of them works with a group of around fifteen women sharing their own Palestinian or Israeli heritage, helping them to get to know and support each other. And then the two groups meet together for three days on neutral ground – out in the desert – where they get to know and work alongside the women from the ‘other’ side, learning to survive together in the inhospitable climate. Relationships begin to develop, alongside an understanding of the history and challenges and fears which they each live with. Difficult conversations take place, supported by the leaders we met. Understanding grows. And ultimately, the goal is that the women become one united group, which develops and works to bring to reality a reconciliation project of their own choice.

Some of the stories they told were deeply moving, and some were very hard to hear. At times it still seemed as if the differences between the two communities are too deeply rooted to ever be resolved. And yet, at the very end, one of the women said something like ... “I’ve been thinking a lot about all this, and what it seems to me is that the only answer to this is love. Love is the only real solution to the whole thing. To love your neighbour.”

To which maybe the only answer is - Amen.

*Musalaha is supported in the UK by the charity Musalaha UK -
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*You can find out more about Musalaha, and the range of reconciliation work they do via
the Wikipedia page <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musalaha>*

Kate Day



A PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Lord,

As we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring.

But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

Thank you that You never change. You are always the same, faithful, present and loving. And You tell us in Your Word, not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all things to You in prayer and to trust You. When we do this, You promise us Your Peace – a peace of heart that steadies us and helps us move forward.

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus.

In His name, we pray. Amen.



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CHRISTMAS CREEPING UP!

As we enter Autumn, Christmas seems a long way away then it suddenly is on our doorstep.

Let's get prepared to make our Christmas as eco-friendly as we can.

Here is my list of ideas that I'm going to use.

- * Email cards to those I have email addresses for (start asking for emails now)
- * Make cards using recycled materials or reuse old cards (making sure they have no glitter or plastic on)
- * Use brown parcel paper. You can print on these. Get the children or grandchildren to print on them or simply wrap using twine, old ribbon strips or material. You can also add some fir cones or cuttings from the garden - a simple yet beautiful embellishment.
- * Use material. You could cut it with serrated scissors, tie with strips of material. You could even sew on a few buttons or embroider a pattern. Use your imagination.
- * Sew parcel sacks - there are so many ways you could decorate them.

The list could go on and on.



So, plan now, imagine your Christmas tree with all those beautifully wrapped presents under it - all handmade - and have fun.

Pam Owen on behalf of the Parish Eco Group

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ADAVU CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

We have been collecting gifts for the ADAVU clients for a number of years now, for the last two we have worked jointly with the Methodist Church. They are unable to be part of it this year but we are going to continue with just our parish. I have been in contact with the people who run the charity and explained that each bag may contain fewer gifts than last year and they have produced a list of suggested items for us to collect. It is a little different to previous years so don't be surprised if you cannot find a label for the things that you 'always buy'.



The format will be as before. I will put a tree in St James Church at the beginning of November and hang gift tags on it naming the items that we want to collect. (I will send some tags to Christ the King and St Johns as well). Hopefully people will take the tags, buy that gift, and bring it to church on a Sunday morning. It doesn't matter whether or not it is wrapped - wrapping makes it feel more like a gift - unwrapped makes it easier for me to know what exactly it is! If it is wrapped it is important that the tag is attached to the outside. No mystery parcels please.



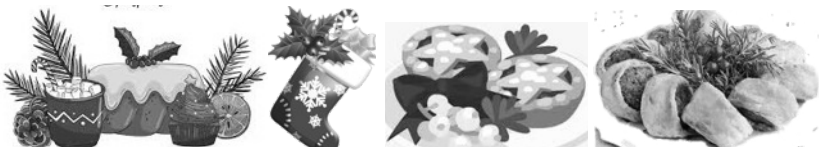
The last day for bringing things will be **24th November** to give time for the gifts to be packed into bags for the individual clients and distributed at their party in early December. Please try to bring things on a Sunday rather than to the office.

If you have any queries please just ask me.

Sarah Penfold

CALLING ALL MAKERS AND BAKERS!

We're giving our Christmas Tree Festival a break this year however we will be holding a Christmas Food and Craft Festival on Saturday 14th December in St James Church and Church House (plus Santa and his friends will be there for breakfast!)



So, please get making and baking and let Gill Hanton know what you are planning. You may also like to raise funds for a charity of your choice.

WORDSEARCH

ALL HALLOWS EVE – OR HOLY EVENING

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



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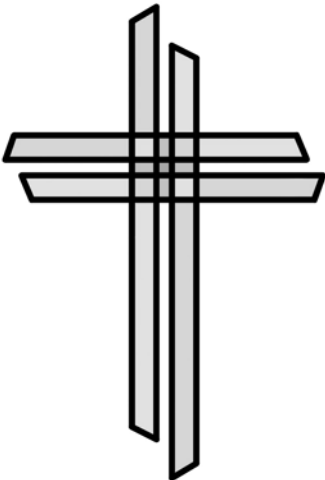
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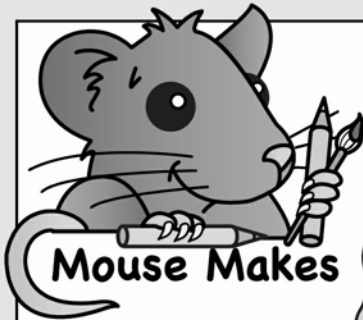


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WORDSEARCH ANSWERS





WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11



"For we walk by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"Walk in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"Walk by the

Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

"Walk in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

me you won't
have to walk
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"_____
is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who walks in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



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Find the words from the questions too!

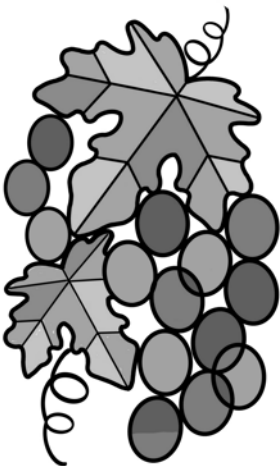
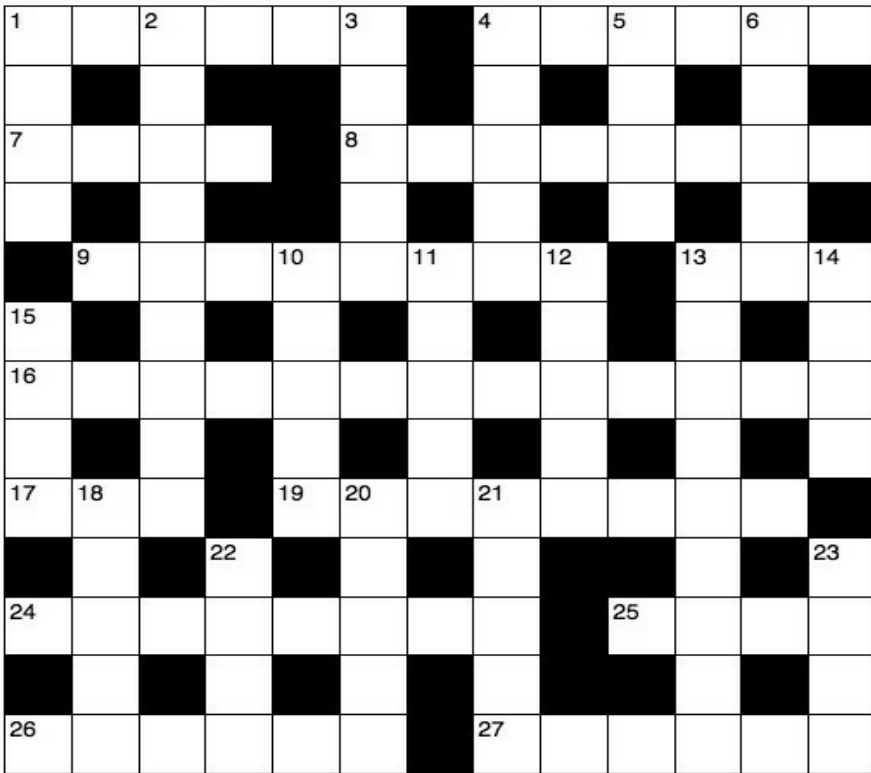
THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)



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